

BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

February 13, 2013

Commission members present: John Brown, Jr., and Robbyn Tumey
Absent: Russ Anzalone

Others present: Kim Dennison, Sharon Rose, and Jim Bemis

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and welcomed everyone

New Business:

- A. Order Establishing the Official Polling Sites for the City of Siloam Springs Municipal Primary Election to be held April 9, 2013: Chairman Brown stated that the First Christian Church of Siloam Springs (Pct 8) and the Siloam Springs Community Building (Pct 9) would be the two (2) polling locations. Commissioner Tumey asked what equipment would be at the precinct locations. Kim Dennison responded that there will be three (3) I votronics, one (1) being ADA, and paper ballots. Chairman Brown asked the number of requests for absentee ballots. Kim responded that as of today's date, she has not received a count. Chairman Brown made a motion to sign the order establishing the Official Polling Sites for the City of Siloam Springs Municipal Primary Election to be held April 9, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Order Establishing the Official Early Voting Polling Sites for the City of Siloam Springs Municipal Primary Election to be held April 9, 2013: Chairman Brown reported that early voting will be held in the Bentonville and Siloam Springs County Clerk's offices beginning April 2, 2013 through April 5th, from 8:00 AM – 4:30 P.M. and on April 8th from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. Chairman Brown made a motion establishing Bentonville and the Siloam Springs County Clerk's offices as early voting locations for the City of Siloam Springs Municipal Primary Election to be held April 9, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Order Appointing Election Officials for the City of Siloam Springs Municipal Primary Election to be held April 9, 2013: Chairman Brown asked Commissioner Tumey if she had any questions on the appointed election officials for the City of Siloam Springs Municipal Primary Election. Commissioner Tumey responded, no. Chairman Brown made a motion to approve the order appointing election officials for the City of Siloam Springs Municipal Primary Election, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. Motion carried by voice vote.

- D. Review and Certify the City of Siloam Springs Municipal Primary Election Ballot: Commissioner Tumey asked Kim the cost of each ballot. Kim reported that they are \$.23 per ballot. Chairman Brown asked Commissioner Tumey her opinion on the number of paper ballots to order. Commissioner Tumey stated at least 20% of the 1,508 registered voters. Commissioner Tumey and Chairman Brown settled on 360 paper ballots which included early and absentee ballots, sample ballots, and the test deck. Chairman Brown asked Kim the approximate cost of the media and audio language. Kim reported that the PEB's and the flashcards are \$10.25 each, and the audio language is \$429. Chairman Brown asked for further discussion. There being no further discussion, Chairman Brown made a motion to certify the paper ballots and the Ivotronic ballots for the City of Siloam Springs Municipal Primary Election, seconded by Commission Tumey. Motion carried by voice vote.

Other Business:

Commissioner Tumey asked Kim when L&A Testing would be done. Kim responded that the media has not been received as of today's date, but testing must be completed by March 26, 2013.

Chairman Brown reported that the Secretary of State has a grant available in the amount of \$10,732 and that the Quorum Court has approved for the Election Commission to apply for this grant. Kim stated that when applying for the grant, the commission will have to state specific items. Chairman Brown added that he had received an email from Susan Inman, Arkansas County Election Commission Association President, that there would be changes to the grant application.

Commissioner Tumey asked Kim to compile information from the November, 2012 General Election to include the number of registered voters and the number of votes cast in each precinct. Commissioner Tumey also asked for information on the number of paper ballots used, early and absentee ballots cast, and the voter turnout rate. Commissioner Tumey stated that this could be the baseline for calculating the voter turnout, and whether the commission would place one (1) or two (2) precinct counters because of the number of voters in a specific location.

Commissioner Tumey asked Kim if the Bentonville Schools has said anything about a special election. Kim stated that the Bentonville School district may call for a special election in the fall.

Old Business:

None

Public Comment:

Jim Bemus asked how he could reach the Arkansas State Board of Election Commission to inquire on how the local and state levels operate. Commissioner Tumey stated that State Board of Election Commission deals with legislative issues, presents seminars, and training. Mr. Bemus stated that if new equipment is obtained, he would like to see how it operates. Commissioner Tumey stated that the Election Commissioners will be making a presentation to the Quorum Court in the next few months and asking for \$350,000 for new vote counting machines.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary
Prepared by Sharon Rose
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